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Rocky Boy Parker System Storage Project Summary

History – The existing water system serving the Rocky Boy Reservation consists of a mixture of small systems built over the past 35 years that have been connected by 4-inch and 6-inch mains. Recently, 10-inch mains have been added to improve the distribution system. The water system serves approximately 5000 people living on the Reservation in an area of 171 square miles. Water is scarce on the Reservation. The only source of water is several low producing wells located throughout the Reservation. During high water demands, small subsystems are shut off so the needs of the core system can be met. When this happens, these subsystems must rely on their storage facilities to meet their needs. Storage for daily demand fluctuations, emergency reserves, and fire flows are provided by 12 storage tanks ranging in size from 12,000 gallons to 218,000 gallons.

- ☐ **Problem –**
- ☐ There is inadequate storage in the upper pressure zones to supplement the water demands in the lower pressure zones
- ☐ The existing piping configuration does not allow water from upper pressure zones to flow to the lower zones in the most effective manner.

- ☐ **Proposed Solution –** The proposed project would:
- ☐ Construct a new 350,000 gallon storage tank (Parker Tank) in the upper pressure zone that can supply water to the lower pressure zones during high daily demand periods and provide a reserve volume for fire flow demands.
- ☐ Drill one new well to back-up the existing well that will pump into the new tank.
- ☐ Install piping, valves, and pressure reducing valves to allow water from the upper pressure zone (new Parker Tank) to flow into the lower pressure zones.
- ☐ Install SCADA controls to monitor the tank water level, control the pumps operation, and alert the operators to alarm conditions.

- ☐ **Estimated Cost- \$1,269,000**

- ☐ **Plans and Specifications are complete and have been accepted by the Tribal Council. The project is ready to go to bid for construction**

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Margarett H Campbell, Ed. D.
Representative House District 31
House Majority Leader
P.O. Box 200400
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Dear Representative Campbell:

The Fort Peck Tribes are aware of the extreme circumstances regarding the sewer lagoon located at Brockton [Roosevelt County], Montana. An emergency situation exists that includes sewer leakage, which also has the potential to contaminate the Missouri River. The Tribes strongly support the Town of Brockton's request for the amount of \$1,750,000 (of Stimulus Funds) to complete the lagoon project in compliance with all applicable government standards and regulations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



A.T. Stafne
Tribal Chairman
Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes